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Conformationally Sensitive Probe Comprising a

Nucleic Acid Based Signal Transducer

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification are reflected on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.